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Dear Parents/Carers,

Watching the children at the pantomime yesterday is definitely one of the highlights of this year for me. I have never seen so many of our children joining in with the singing, dancing and laughter before. They truly embraced all the pantomime traditions.

Having explained that the school cannot offer refunds for the children who had to miss the pantomime because the school's insurance does not cover COVID absences, I have better news from the box office. They appreciate the COVID disruptions schools are facing and told me that they will try to help out – they don't offer refunds but will try to help you book another ticket either at no cost (if it is a school performance day) or at a reduced price. Phone the box office for more details 01227 787787.

FOBS Winter Fair

I have fantastic news to share with you about the FOBS Winter Craft Fair. An impressive £2949.25 was raised on the day and Darcie's mum (Owls) was able to secure match funding from Barclays Bank to bring it to a grand total of £5898.50. Thank you to Nuala and the FOBS team for all the hard work, Darcie's mum and to all the parents who supported the event.

Next week, FOBS have organised Elfridges on Tuesday 14th December and the reindeer run (not sponsored as originally advertised) and Santa's grotto on Wednesday 15th December. We are so grateful to all the FOBS members involved who have given up so much time to help make Christmas special at school.

COVID & Risk Assessment Update

The number of cases has increased since the beginning of the week, especially in Year 1 and Year 2. (10 cases in total across the school – 5 in Jays and 2 in Owls) Some of the cases are asymptomatic and have been picked up on LFTs. As we have spotted that outbreaks in classes have usually started with a sibling link, we have changed our risk assessment. Siblings of positive cases that attend school, must now take a PCR test before returning to school.

Handy Guide to What's On Next Week

Date	Special Event	What to wear/bring
Monday Dec 13th	N/A	School uniform New, unwanted gifts for Elfridges
Tuesday Dec 14th	Elfridges	School uniform £2 for Elfridges



Wednesday Dec 15th	Reindeer Run Christmas Dinner Santa's Grotto	Christmas jumper/outfit
Thursday Dec 16th	Christmas Parties for Owls, Jays, Robins, Puffins and Hawks	Christmas outfits/own clothes for children having parties
Friday Dec 17th	Christmas Parties for Wrens, and Eagles School finishes at 2:15 pm	Christmas outfits/own clothes for children having parties

Please check on the overviews in case classes have arranged additional festive activities or things to bring to the parties too.

Recorded Nativity and Christmas Service

The recording of the KS1 Nativity and KS2 Christmas Service will be available next week. Mr Johnston (our film editor) has been off school with COVID but will be returning on Monday. As soon as he has worked his magic in putting the clips together, you will be sent a link via Seesaw. This is for families only and not to be shared on social media.

Message from Rev T

This Sunday (12th) our 11am service at St Mary's Bishopsbourne includes a chance to decorate the Christmas Tree and families are most welcome to join in to help prepare for the festivities.

On Christmas Eve we will be holding our Crib Service 4pm at St John's Barham for our families and children are invited to dress up as characters from the nativity story.

If your child would like to have a small speaking part, do let me know on revt1@btinternet.com or 01227941561

Finally, I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



Alison Higgins